

Table 22. Number, percent distribution, and therapeutic classification for the 20 drugs most frequently prescribed at office visits with corresponding standard errors, by entry name of drug: United States, 2000

Entry name of drug ¹	Number of drug mentions in thousands	Standard error in thousands	Percent distribution	Standard error of percent	Therapeutic classification ²
All drug mentions.	1,263,503	74,006	100.0
Claritin	17,145	2,398	1.4	0.1	Antihistamines
Lipitor	16,267	1,638	1.3	0.1	Hyperlipidemia
Synthroid	15,999	2,512	1.3	0.2	Thyroid agents
Premarin	14,775	1,648	1.2	0.1	Estrogens/progestins
Amoxicillin	13,068	1,723	1.0	0.1	Penicillins
Tylenol	12,789	1,514	1.0	0.1	Nonnarcotic analgesics
Lasix	12,577	1,400	1.0	0.1	Diuretics
Celebrex	12,161	1,353	1.0	0.1	NSAIDs ³
Glucophage	11,468	1,361	0.9	0.1	Blood glucose regulators
Albuterol sulfate	10,862	1,228	0.9	0.1	Antiasthmatics/bronchodilators
Vioxx	10,801	1,212	0.9	0.1	NSAIDs ³
Prilosec	10,751	1,205	0.9	0.1	Gastric antisecretory agents
Norvasc	10,635	1,305	0.8	0.1	Calcium channel blockers
Atenolol	10,372	1,332	0.8	0.1	Beta blockers
Influenza virus vaccine	10,197	1,409	0.8	0.1	Vaccines/antisera
Prednisone	10,049	1,482	0.8	0.1	Adrenal corticosteroids
Amoxil	9,719	1,505	0.8	0.1	Penicillins
Prevacid	9,268	1,222	0.7	0.1	Gastric antisecretory agents
Zocor	9,202	1,133	0.7	0.1	Hyperlipidemia
Zoloft	9,183	1,277	0.7	0.1	Antidepressants
All other	1,026,216	59,032	81.2	0.4	...

... Category not applicable.

¹The entry made by the physician on the prescription or other medical records. This may be a trade name, generic name, or desired therapeutic effect.²Therapeutic classification is based on the *National Drug Code Directory*, 1995 edition (NDC) (12). In cases where a drug had more than one therapeutic use, it was classified under its primary therapeutic use.³NSAIDs are nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

NOTE: Numbers may not add to totals because of rounding.

Table 23. Number and percent of office visits with corresponding standard errors, by providers seen: United States, 2000

Types of providers ¹	Number of visits in thousands ²	Standard error in thousands	Percent of visits	Standard error of percent
All visits	823,542	34,820
Physician	787,585	32,488	95.6	0.7
Medical assistant	179,204	16,223	21.8	1.8
Registered nurse	126,250	16,508	15.3	1.9
Licensed practical nurse	107,328	14,217	13.0	1.5
Nurse practitioner	17,173	5,115	2.1	0.6
Physician assistant	16,013	3,597	1.9	0.4
Other provider	34,029	5,992	4.1	0.7

... Category not applicable.

¹Estimates for nurse midwives were omitted from the table because of low frequencies in the sample data.²Total exceeds "All visits" because more than one provider may be reported per visit.**Table 24. Number and percent of office visits with corresponding standard errors, by visit disposition: United States, 2000**

Disposition	Number of visits in thousands ¹	Standard error in thousands	Percent of visits	Standard error of percent
All visits	823,542	34,820
Return at specified time	503,902	20,926	61.2	1.2
Return if needed, P.R.N. ²	199,108	14,875	24.2	1.2
No followup planned	66,880	6,721	8.1	0.7
Referred to other physician	35,057	2,643	4.3	0.3
Telephone followup planned	20,380	2,977	2.5	0.3
Returned to referring physician	6,972	838	0.8	0.1
Admitted to hospital	3,093	486	0.4	0.1
Other disposition	24,339	2,694	3.0	0.3
Blank	24,927	3,647	3.0	0.4

... Category not applicable.

¹Total exceeds "All visits" because more than one disposition may be reported per visit.²P.R.N. is as needed.